GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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BOTTLED MINERAL WATER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that bottle mineral business has reached to Rs.8,500 crore in India at the moment and number of companies are involved in this business and many more are coming into arena;

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Union Government on the purity of water, genuineness of the company quality and type of water, imitation of approved companies by bogus companies; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to provide quality water with moderate price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a) to (c): The quality and safety parameters for natural mineral water and packaged drinking water have been prescribed under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955. Boththese products have to be manufactured for sale or exhibited for sale only under Bureau of Indian Standards CertificationMark. Additionally, the quality of these products are also checked by the Prevention of Food Adulteration Enforcement Authorities of the State/UT Governments under Prevention of Food Adulteration Act,1954. Prices of the Bottled Water are fixed by the concerned company.